

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A beverage dispenser comprising:

at least one upper reservoir for holding a liquid beverage;

5 at least one lower reservoir for receiving said liquid beverage from said at least one upper reservoir;

at least one filter element operatively arranged to be removably disposed between said at least one upper and said at least one lower reservoir;

10 at least one heating/cooling element disposed in said at least one lower reservoir and operatively arranged to heat/cool said liquid in said lower reservoir; and,

means for dispensing said liquid beverage from said at least one lower reservoir.

2. The beverage dispenser of Claim 1 comprising a connecting reservoir disposed between said at least one upper reservoir and said at least one lower reservoir.

15 3. The beverage dispenser of Claim 2 wherein said filter element is disposed between said at least one upper reservoir and said connecting reservoir.

4. The beverage dispenser of Claim 1 wherein said at least one heating/cooling element
20 comprises a semi-conducting heating/cooling element.

5. The beverage dispenser of Claim 4 wherein said at least one heating/cooling element is operatively arranged to cool said liquid in said at least one lower reservoir.

6. The beverage dispenser of Claim 4 wherein said at least one heating/cooling element is operatively arranged to heat said liquid in said at least one lower reservoir.

7. The beverage dispenser of Claim 4 comprising a variable thermostat for setting, monitoring, and maintaining the temperature of said liquid beverage in said at least one lower reservoir.

8. A beverage dispenser comprising:

an upper reservoir for holding a liquid beverage;

at least one lower reservoir for receiving said liquid beverage from said upper reservoir;

at least one filter element operatively arranged to be removably disposed between said upper reservoir and said at least one lower reservoir;

at least one semi-conducting heating/cooling element disposed in said at least one lower reservoir and operatively arranged to heat/cool said liquid in said at least one lower reservoir; and,

at least one means for dispensing said liquid beverage from said at least one lower reservoir.

9. The beverage dispenser of Claim 8 comprising a connecting reservoir disposed between said at least one upper reservoir and said at least one lower reservoir.

10. The beverage dispenser of Claim 9 wherein said filter assembly is disposed between said
5 at least one upper reservoir and said connecting reservoir.

11. The beverage dispenser of Claim 10 wherein said semi-conducting heating/cooling element is operatively arranged to cool said liquid beverage.

10 12. The beverage dispenser of Claim 10 wherein said semi-conducting heating/cooling element operatively arranged to heat said liquid beverage.

13. The beverage dispenser of Claim 11 comprising a second semi-conducting heating/cooling element disposed in a second lower reservoir and operatively arranged to heat
15 said liquid beverage therein.

14. The beverage dispenser of Claim 13 operatively arranged to dispense cooled, warmed, and ambient temperature liquids.

20 15. The beverage dispenser of Claim 14 operatively arranged to infuse a gas into said liquid beverage.

16. The beverage dispenser of Claim 8 wherein said upper reservoir is manually filled with said liquid beverage.

17. The beverage dispenser of Claim 1 wherein said upper reservoir is manually filled with said liquid beverage.

18. A beverage dispenser comprising:

an upper reservoir for holding a liquid beverage, said upper reservoir operatively arranged to be manually filled with liquid;

at least one lower reservoir for receiving said liquid beverage from said upper reservoir;

at least one releasable filter assembly disposed between said upper and lower reservoirs; and,

at least one spigot means for dispensing said liquid beverage from said lower reservoir.

19. The beverage dispenser of Claim 18 further comprising a semi-conducting heating/cooling element disposed in said at least one lower reservoir.

20. The beverage dispenser of Claim 18 further comprising means for infusing said liquid beverage in said lower reservoir with a gas.